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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION TO
INCORPORATE A BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM INTO ITS RAIL
TRANSIT PLANNING TO CONNECT CERTAIN PARTS OF OAHU WITH THE
RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, bus rapid transit (BRT) is an innovative, high
2 capacity, low cost public transit solution that can
3 significantly improve mobility; and
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5 WHEREAS, one of the best ways that cities can become safer
6 is through sustainable transport systems like BRT, which
7 currently serves more than 31,000,000 people each day in more
8 than 180 cities around the globe; and
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10 WHEREAS, BRT is a permanent, integrated system using buses
11 or specialized vehicles on roadways or dedicated lanes to
12 quickly and efficiently transport passengers to their
13 destinations, while offering scheduling flexibility to meet
14 transit demand; and
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16 WHEREAS, BRT systems can be easily customized to address
17 community needs and can incorporate state-of-the-art, low-cost
18 technologies that result in carrying more passengers and
19 reducing congestion; and
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21 WHEREAS, BRT can make mobility safer by providing
22 accessible and efficient infrastructure for moving people rather
23 than moving cars; and
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25 WHEREAS, BRT is a cost-effective way to address traffic
26 congestion and promote greater connectivity; and
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28 WHEREAS, across the country, more and more agencies are
29 turning to BRT as a way to relieve congestion, reduce pollution,
30 and support job growth; and



WHEREAS, in many ways, BRT is similar to rail-based commuter systems, but can be accomplished at a fraction of the cost and finished in a fraction of the time; and

WHEREAS, BRT is increasingly becoming a major component of city transport systems worldwide by providing a high caliber premium service at a much lower cost than rail systems; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation needs to consider incorporating BRT into its rail transit planning, particularly with connections between the Leeward Coast and East Kapolei, Kaneohe and Downtown Honolulu, and Wahiawa and Pearl Highlands; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation is urged to incorporate bus rapid transit into its rail transit planning, particularly with connections between the Leeward Coast and East Kapolei, Kaneohe and Downtown Honolulu, and Wahiawa and Pearl Highlands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Members of the Honolulu City and County Council, Board of Directors of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, and Director of the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

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